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Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, inmate Rafael Guerrero tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. He received daily symptom checks and was assigned to a unit with 24-hour nursing staff where he was evaluated for respiratory distress. On Friday, November 13, 2020, he was transferred to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Saturday, December 12, 2020, Mr. Guerrero, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Guerrero was a 70-year-old male who was sentenced in the Southern District of Florida and Eastern District of Washington to an aggregated sentence of 18 years and 22 days for Conspiracy to Possess With Intent to Distribute 5 or more Kilograms of Cocaine, Attempt to Possess With Intent to Distribute 2 or more Kilograms of Cocaine and Conspiracy to Possess a Listed Chemical With Intent to Manufacture. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since April 17, 2018.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 822 male offenders.

The Bureau of Prisons will continue to provide daily updates and information on actions related to COVID-19 at www.bop.gov/coronavirus/index.jsp.

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